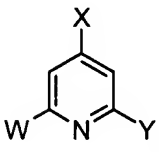
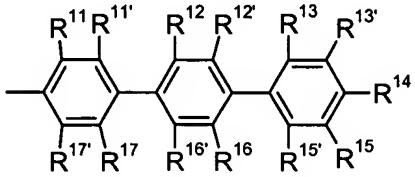
1. (currently amended) A pyridine compound of formula I



(I), wherein

at least one of the groups W, X and Y is a group of formula



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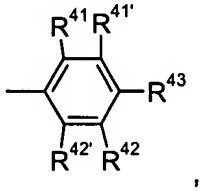
or at least one of the groups W, X and Y is a condensed C_{10}-C_{30}aryl group selected from the group consisting of ~~, such as~~ naphthyl, as-indacnyl, s-indacenyl, acenaphthyl, fluorenyl, phenalenyl, phenanthrenyl, anthracenyl, fluoranthenyl, triphenlenyl, chrysenyl, naphthacen, picenyl, perylenyl, pentaphenyl, hexacenyl~~, or~~and pyrenyl, any of which can be substituted by one or more groups G; and the other groups are independently ~~of each other an aryl group or a heteroaryl group, especially~~ a group of formula



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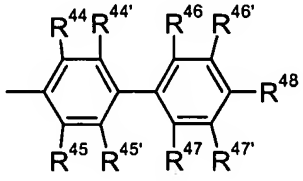

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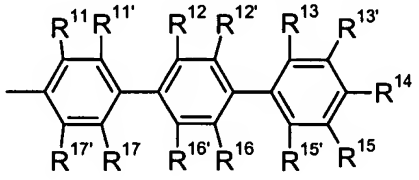

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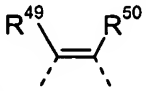
wherein

R^{11}, $R^{11'}$, R^{12}, $R^{12'}$, R^{13}, $R^{13'}$, R^{15}, $R^{15'}$, R^{16}, $R^{16'}$, R^{17}, $R^{17'}$, R^{41}, $R^{41'}$, R^{42}, $R^{42'}$, R^{44}, $R^{44'}$, R^{45}, $R^{45'}$, R^{46}, $R^{46'}$, R^{47} and $R^{47'}$ are independently of each other H, E, C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl which is substituted by G; C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; or C_7-C_{18}aralkyl which is substituted by G; or

$R^{11'}$ and R^{12}, $R^{12'}$ and R^{13}, $R^{15'}$ and R^{16}, $R^{16'}$ and R^{17}, $R^{44'}$ and R^{46} and/or $R^{45'}$ and R^{47} are each a divalent group L^1 selected from an oxygen atom, an sulfur atom, $>CR^{18}R^{19}$ $>SiR^{18}R^{19}$, or



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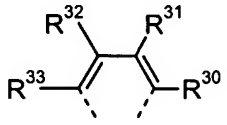
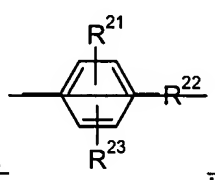
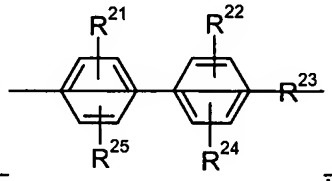
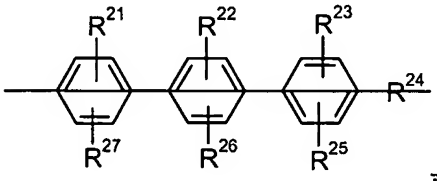
wherein

R^{18} and R^{19} are independently of each other C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkoxy, C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; or

R^{11} and $R^{11'}$, R^{12} and $R^{12'}$, R^{13} and $R^{13'}$, $R^{13'}$ and R^{14}, R^{14} and R^{15}, R^{15} and $R^{15'}$, R^{16} and $R^{16'}$, $R^{17'}$ and R^{17}, R^{41} and $R^{41'}$, R^{42} and $R^{42'}$, $R^{42'}$ and R^{43}, $R^{41'}$ and R^{43}, R^{44} and $R^{44'}$, R^{45} and $R^{45'}$, R^{46} and $R^{46'}$, R^{47} and $R^{47'}$, $R^{46'}$ and R^{48} and/or $R^{47'}$ and R^{48} are each a divalent group  , wherein

R^{30}, R^{31}, R^{32}, R^{33}, R^{49} and R^{50} are independently of each other H, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl, which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; E; C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl, which is substituted by G;

R^{14} is H, C_2-C_{30}heteroaryl, or C_2-C_{30}heteroaryl, which is substituted by G, $-NR^{70}R^{71}$; C_6-C_{30}aryl, or C_6-C_{30}aryl which is substituted by G, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; or C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; ~~especially~~  ,  , ~~, or~~



~~, wherein R^{21}, R^{22}, R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26} and R^{27} are independently of each other H, E, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; E; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl which is substituted by G;~~

R^{43} and R^{48} are independently of each other H, E; C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl, which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; C_2-C_{30}heteroaryl; or C_2-C_{30}heteroaryl, which is substituted by G; $-NR^{70}R^{71}$, wherein R^{70} and R^{71} are independently of each other a C_6-C_{18}aryl group, which can be substituted by G; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl which is substituted by G, or is a condensed C_{10}-C_{30}aryl group~~, such as~~ selected from the group consisting of naphthyl, as-indacnyl, s-indacenyl, acenaphthyl, fluorenyl, phenalenyl, phenanthrenyl, anthracenyl, fluoranthenyl, triphenlenyl, chrysenyl, naphthacen, picenyl, perylenyl, pentaphenyl, hexacenyl~~, or~~ and pyrenyl, any of which can be substituted by one or more groups G;

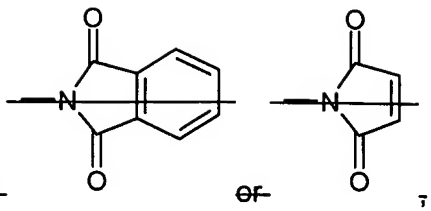
or R^{70} and R^{71} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded form a five or six-membered ring,

D is -CO-; -COO-; -OCOO-; -S-; -SO-; $-SO_2$-; -O-; $-NR^5$-; $SiR^{61}R^{62}$-; $-POR^5$-; $-CR^{63}=CR^{64}$-; or -C≡C-;

E is $-OR^5$; $-SR^5$; $-NR^5R^6$; $-COR^8$; $-COOR^7$; $-CONR^5R^6$; -CN; or halogen;

G is E, or C_1-C_{18}alkyl, wherein

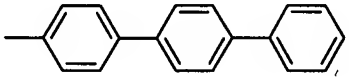
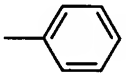
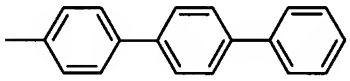
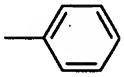
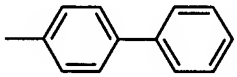
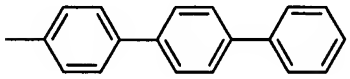
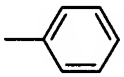
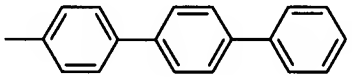
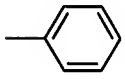
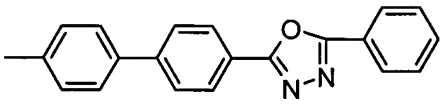
R^5 and R^6 are independently of each other C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl which is substituted by C_1-C_{18}alkyl, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; or C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is interrupted by –O-; or

R^5 and R^6 together form a five or six membered ring, ~~in particular~~  ~~or~~ ;

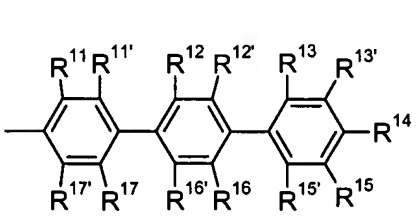
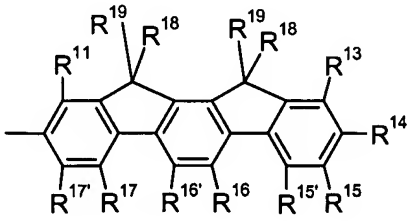
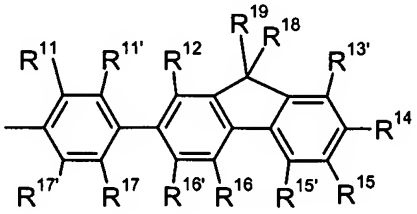
R^7 is C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl which is substituted by C_1-C_{18}alkyl, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; or C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is interrupted by –O-;

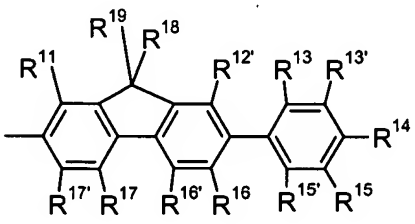
R^8 is C_7-C_{12}alkylaryl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl; or C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is interrupted by –O-;

R^{61} and R^{62} are independently of each other C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl which is substituted by C_1-C_{18}alkyl, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; or C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is interrupted by –O-, and

R^{63} and R^{64} are independently of each other H, C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl which is substituted by C_1-C_{18}alkyl, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; or C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is interrupted by –O-; with the proviso that compounds of formula I, wherein Y is  and X and W are  ; Y is  , X is  and W is  ; Y and W are  and X is  ; W is  , X is  and Y is  are excluded.

2. (currently amended) A pyridine compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein W, X and Y are independently of each other a group of formula

 ,  ,  ,

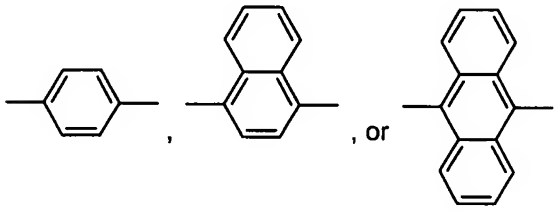
 or , wherein

R^{11}, $R^{11'}$, R^{12}, $R^{12'}$, R^{13}, $R^{13'}$, R^{15}, $R^{15'}$, R^{16}, $R^{16'}$, R^{17} and $R^{17'}$ are independently of each other H, C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl which is substituted by G; E, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl which is substituted by G; ~~and D, E, R^{14}, R^{18} and R^{19} are as defined in claim 1~~, or

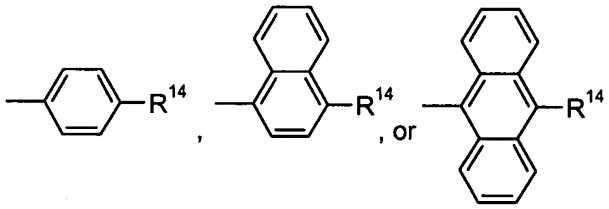
W is a group of the formula $-W^1-W^2-W^3$,

X is a group of the formula $-X^1-X^2-X^3$ and

Y is a group of the formula $-Y^1-Y^2-Y^3$, wherein W^1, W^2, X^1, X^2, Y^1 and Y^2 are independently of each other a group of formula



and W^3, X^3 and Y^3 are independently of each other a group of formula



~~., wherein R^{14} is as defined above.~~

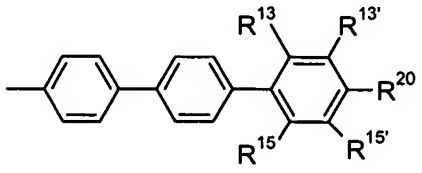
3. (currently amended) The pyridine compound according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein R^{11}, $R^{11'}$, R^{12}, $R^{12'}$, R^{13}, $R^{13'}$, R^{15}, $R^{15'}$, R^{16}, $R^{16'}$, R^{17} and $R^{17'}$, R^{41}, $R^{41'}$, R^{42}, $R^{42'}$, R^{44}, $R^{44'}$, R^{45}, $R^{45'}$, R^{46}, $R^{46'}$, R^{47}, and $R^{47'}$ as well as R^{14}, R^{43}, and R^{48} are independently of each other H, E; or C_1-C_8alkyl; wherein E is $-OR^5$; $-SR^5$; $-NR^5R^6$; $-COR^8$; $-COOR^7$; $-CONR^5R^6$; -CN; $-OCOOR^7$; or F; wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently of each other C_6-C_{12}aryl, or C_1-C_8alkyl;

R^7 is C_7-C_{12}alkylaryl, or C_1-C_8alkyl; and

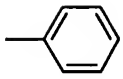
R^8 is C_6-C_{12}aryl; or C_1-C_8alkyl.

4. (currently amended) The pyridine compound according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein

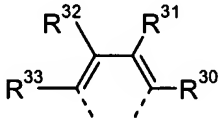
W, X and Y are a group of formula

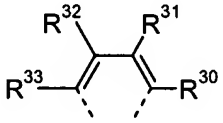


wherein

R^{13}, $R^{13'}$, R^{15} and $R^{15'}$ are H and R^{20} is H~~, especially~~ or  , or

R^{13} and R^{15} are H, $R^{13'}$ and $R^{15'}$ are independently of each other H, C_1-C_8alkyl, or C_1-C_8alkoxy, and R^{20} is H, C_1-C_8alkyl, or C_1-C_8alkoxy; or

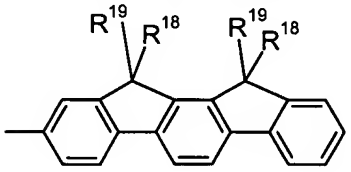
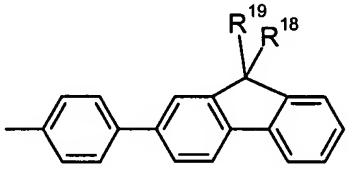
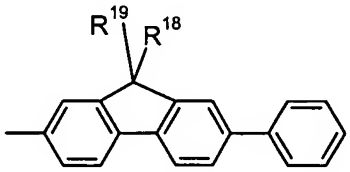
R^{13}, R^{15} and $R^{15'}$ are H, and $R^{13'}$ and R^{20} are  , or

R^{20}, R^{15} and $R^{15'}$ are H, and R^{13} and $R^{13'}$ are  , wherein

R^{30}, R^{31}, R^{32} and R^{33} are H, C_1-C_8alkyl, or C_1-C_8alkoxy.

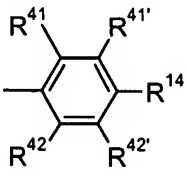
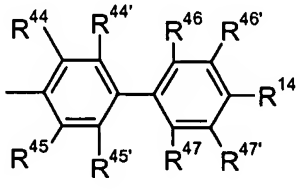
5. (currently amended) The pyridine compound according to~~ any of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein

W, X and Y are independently of each other a group of formula

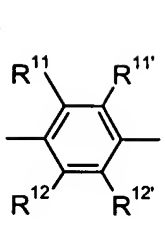
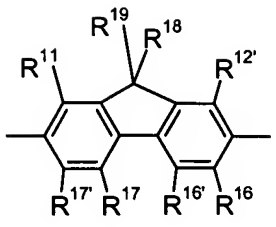
 ,  , or  , wherein

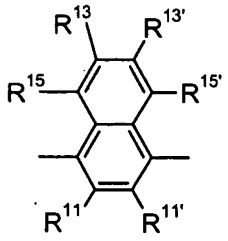
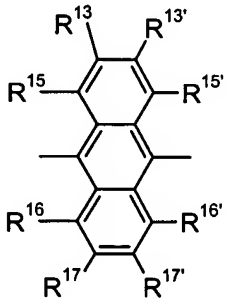
R^{18} and R^{19} are independently of each other C_1-C_8alkyl.

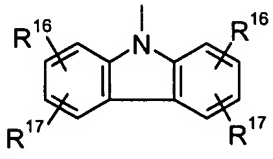
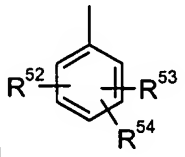
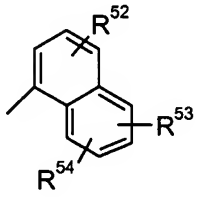
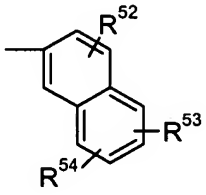
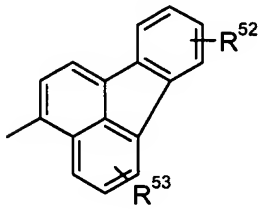
6. (currently amended) The pyridine compound according to claim 1, wherein

X is  , or  , and

W and Y are a group of the formula $-W^1-(W^2)_b-W^3$, wherein b is 0, or, 1,

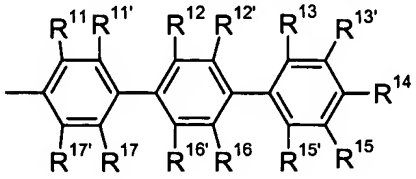
W^1 and W^2 are independently of each other a group of formula  ,  ,

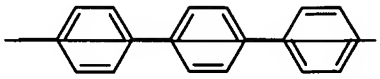
 , or  ,

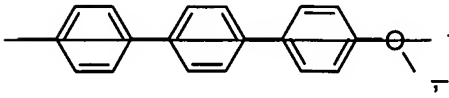
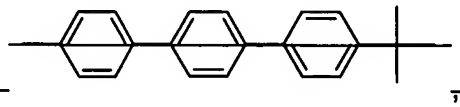
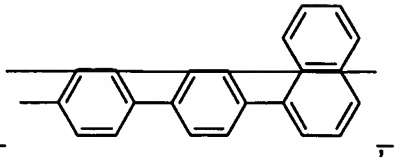
W^3 is a group of formula  , or $-NR^{60}R^{61}$, wherein R^{60} and R^{61} are independently of each other a group of formula  ,  ,  , or  , wherein R^{52}, R^{53} and R^{54} are independently of each other hydrogen, C_1-C_8alkyl, a hydroxyl group, a mercapto group, C_1-C_8alkoxy, C_1-C_8alkylthio, halogen, halo-C_1-C_8alkyl, a cyano group, an aldehyde group, a ketone group, a carboxyl group, an ester group, a carbamoyl group, an amino group, a nitro group, a silyl group or a siloxanyl group, ~~wherein R^{11}, $R^{11'}$, R^{12}, $R^{12'}$, R^{13}, $R^{13'}$, R^{14}, R^{15}, $R^{15'}$, R^{16}, $R^{16'}$, R^{17}, $R^{17'}$, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{41}, $R^{41'}$, R^{42}, $R^{42'}$ R^{44}, $R^{44'}$, R^{45}, $R^{45'}$, R^{46}, $R^{46'}$, R^{47}, and $R^{47'}$ are as defined in claim 1~~, or X, W and Y are a group of the formula $-W^1-(W^2)_b-W^3$, wherein b, W^1, W^2 and W^3 are as defined above.

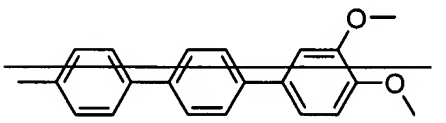
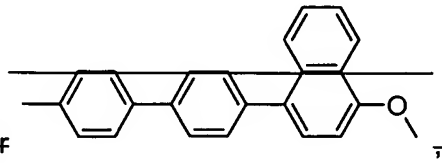
7. (currently amended) The pyridine compound according to claim 1, wherein

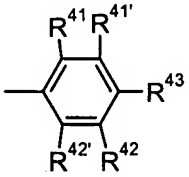
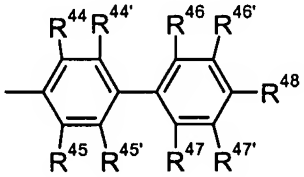
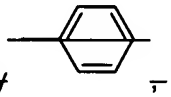
W and Y ~~or W and X (= Y and X)~~ are independently of each other a group of formula

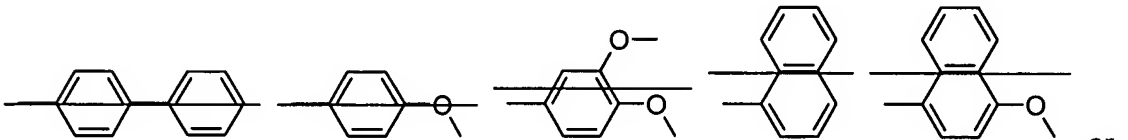


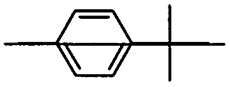
, ~~especially~~  ,

 ,  ,  ,

 , ~~or~~  , and

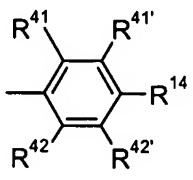
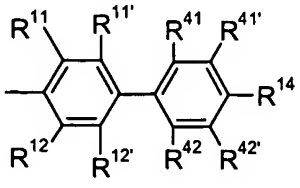
X is a group of formula  , or  . ~~, especially~~  ,



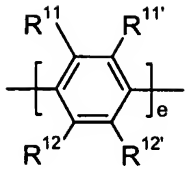
 ,

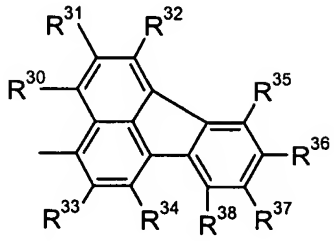
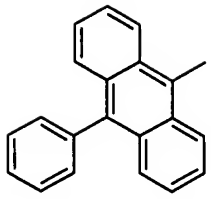
~~wherein R^{11}, $R^{11'}$, R^{12}, $R^{12'}$, R^{13}, $R^{13'}$, R^{14}, R^{15}, $R^{15'}$, R^{16}, $R^{16'}$, R^{17}, $R^{17'}$, R^{41}, $R^{41'}$, R^{42}, $R^{42'}$, R^{44}, $R^{44'}$, R^{45}, $R^{45'}$, R^{46}, $R^{46'}$, R^{47}, $R^{47'}$, R^{43} and R^{48} are defined as in claim 1, especially H, C_1-C_8alkyl, C_1-C_8alkoxy, or phenyl.~~

8. (currently amended) The pyridine compound according to claim 1, wherein

X is  , or  , and

W and Y are a group Ar^1-Ar^2, wherein

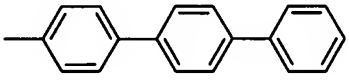
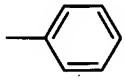
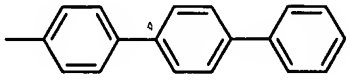
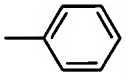
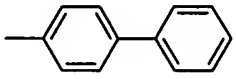
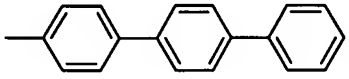
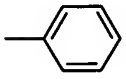
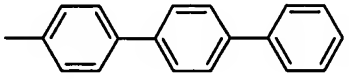
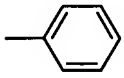
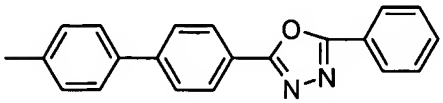
Ar^1 is a group of formula  ,

Ar^2 is a group of formula  , or  , wherein

R^{30}, R^{31}, R^{32}, R^{33}, R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{36}, R^{37} and R^{38} are independently of each other H, E, C_6-C_{18}aryl; C_6-C_{18}aryl which is substituted by G; C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; or C_7-C_{18}aralkyl which is substituted by G;

e is an integer 1, or 2, or

X, W and Y are a group Ar^1-Ar^2, wherein Ar^1 and Ar^2 are as defined above. ~~, and D, E, G, R^{11}, $R^{11'}$, R^{12}, $R^{12'}$, R^{41}, $R^{41'}$, R^{42}, $R^{42'}$, and R^{14} are defined as in claim 1.~~

9. (currently amended) An electroluminescent device, comprising a pyridine compound of formula I according to claim 1and/or ~~to any of claims 1 to 8 including~~ compounds of formula I, wherein Y is  and X and W are  ; Y is  , X is  and W is  ; Y and W are  and X is  ; W is  , X is  and Y is 

10. (original) Electroluminescent device according to claim 9, wherein the electroluminescent device comprises in this order

(a) an anode

(b) a hole injecting layer and/or a hole transporting layer

(c) a light-emitting layer

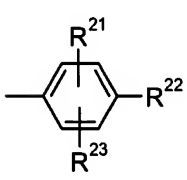
(d) optionally an electron transporting layer and

(e) a cathode.

11. (original) Electroluminescent device according to claim 10, wherein the pyridine compound of formula I forms the light-emitting layer.

12. (currently amended) ~~Use of the pyridine compounds of formula I according to any of claims 1 to 8 for electrophotographic~~ p Photoreceptors, photoelectric converters, solar cells, image sensors and~~,~~ dye lasers ~~and electroluminescent devices.~~ comprising compounds of formula I according to claim 1.

13. (new) A pyridine compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R^{14} is H, or a group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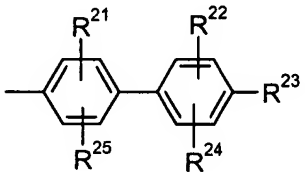
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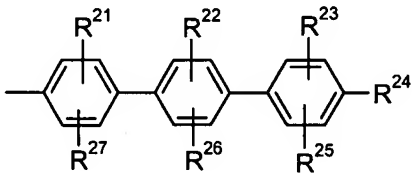
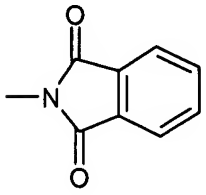

, wherein

R^{21}, R^{22}, R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26} and R^{27} are independently of each other H, E, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; E; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl which is substituted by G;

and when R^5 and R^6 together form a five or six membered ring, the five or six membered ring is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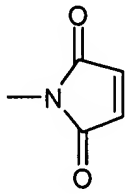
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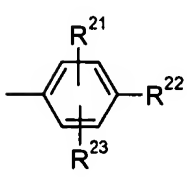
14. (new) A pyridine compound of formula I according to claim 2, wherein R^{14} is H, or a group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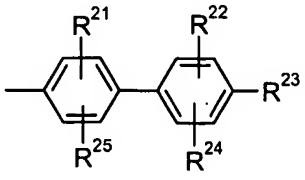
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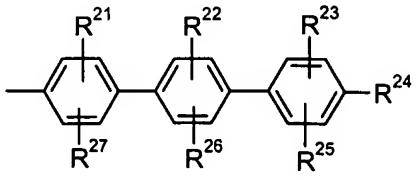

, wherein

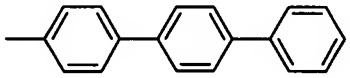
R^{21}, R^{22}, R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26} and R^{27} are independently of each other H, E, C_1-C_{18}alkyl; C_1-C_{18}alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D; E; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl; C_7-C_{18}aralkyl which is substituted by G.

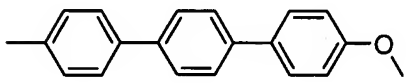
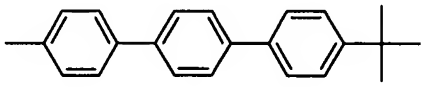
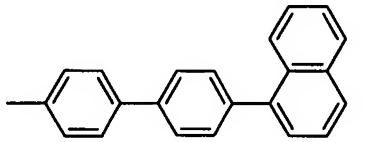
15. (new) The pyridine compound according to claim 2, wherein R^{11}, $R^{11'}$, R^{12}, $R^{12'}$, R^{13}, $R^{13'}$, R^{15}, $R^{15'}$, R^{16}, $R^{16'}$, R^{17} and $R^{17'}$ as well as R^{14}, R^{43}, and R^{48} are independently of each other H, E; or C_1-C_8alkyl; wherein E is $-OR^5$; $-SR^5$; $-NR^5R^6$; $-COR^8$; $-COOR^7$; $-CONR^5R^6$; -CN; $-OCOOR^7$; or F; wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently of each other C_6-C_{12}aryl, or C_1-C_8alkyl;

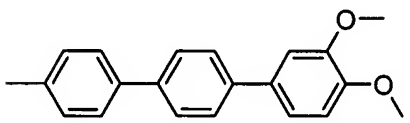
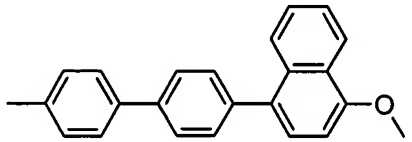
R^7 is C_7-C_{12}alkylaryl, or C_1-C_8alkyl; and

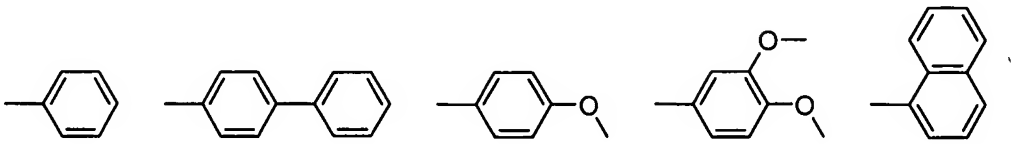
R^8 is C_6-C_{12}aryl; or C_1-C_8alkyl.

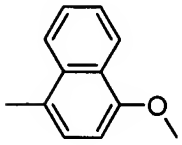
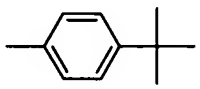
16. (new) The pyridine compound according to claim 7, wherein

W and Y are independently of each other a group of formula  ,

 ,  ,  ,

 , or  , and

X is a group of formula  ,

 , or  .